

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated April 28, 2006, the Examiner objected to FIGs. 1 and 2 as missing the legend “PRIOR ART” and objected to claim 12 due to informalities. The Examiner rejected claims 8 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (U.S. patent no. 6,718,500) or the applicants’ admitted prior art in view of Del Prado et al. (U.S. patent no. 6,956,855). The Examiner allowed claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-15, and further allowed claim 12 if rewritten to overcome the objected to informalities. The objections and rejections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-15.

The applicants have amended each of FIGs. 1 and 2 to include the legend “PRIOR ART.” A replacement sheet is attached to this amendment. Also, the applicants have amended claim 12 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to FIGs. 1 and 2 and claim 12.

In order to put the application in condition for allowance, the applicants have also canceled rejected claims 8 and 16-18.

As the applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner’s objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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